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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SIMPLIFIED AREA  
CODE DIALING

5 ABSTRACT: A telephone (100) is configurable to  
automatically dial an area code selected from an area code  
selection pad (104). Once selected, the selected area code  
is automatically prepended to subsequent outgoing calls  
until a different area code is selected. A processor (212)  
10 implements a safety feature overrides the automated system  
when emergency numbers are called. With this system,  
repetitive dialing of the area code for consecutive calls  
to the same area code is eliminated.

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